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REF: A. USNATO 3078 B. STATE 116328

SUMMARY. EWG MADE NUMEROUS CHANGES ON JUNE 4 TO DRAFT REPORT ON SPECIALIZATION. MOST SIGNIFICANT CHANGES INCLUDE A BROADER DESCRIPTION OF US PRESENTATION ON MATRIX APPROACH AND MODIFICATION TO HIGHLIGHT THE NEED FOR MINISTERIAL EMPHASIS IN FUTURE STUDIES. FINAL DRAFT WILL INCORPORATE WASHINGTON'S THOUGHTS PROVIDED BY REF B. MISSION FEELS THAT REPORT IS NOW ACCEPTABLE AND, IN VIEW OF TIME LIMITATION, PROPOSES TO APPROVE REPORT IN DPC ON JUNE 6. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON GUIDANCE BY OPENING OF BUSINESS ON JUNE 6. END SUMMARY.

1. AT JUNE 4 MEETING, EWG FUNCTIONED AS A DRAFTING GROUP AND  
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MADE NUMEROUS CHANGES TO REVISED DRAFT REPORT TO MINISTERS ON SPECIALIZATION WHICH MISSION TRANSMITTED TO WASHINGTON BY REF A.

2. EWG MADE SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS:

A. PARA 4 - THE LAST SENTENCE NOW WILL READ "THESE RECOMMENDATIONS DID NOT, HOWEVER, APPEAR TO THE DEFENSE PLANNING COMMITTEE TO HAVE BEEN SUFFICIENTLY EXPLORED TO WARRANT BRINGING THE REPORT TO THE ATTENTION OF MINISTERS AT THIS TIME." THIS CHANGE PROVIDES FOR WASHINGTON'S REQUEST PARA 1A OF REF B.

B. PARA 6 - AT THE REQUEST OF THE EWG, US REP (PRENDERGAST) AGREED TO REDRAFT THIS PARA TO EXPLAIN MORE FULLY THE US PRESENTATION GIVEN IN MARCH. IN SO DOING, MISSION INCORPORATED WASHINGTON'S THOUGHTS PROVIDED PARA 2 OF REF B. REVISED DRAFT OF PARA 6 OF THE REPORT FOLLOWS:

"6. THE EXECUTIVE WORKING GROUP WAS ASKED TO RESPOND TO A SUGGESTION FOLLOWING A PRESENTATION BY THE UNITED STATES THAT COUNTRIES SHOULD PUT FORWARD PROPOSALS, WHICH WERE REALISTIC NOT ONLY FROM A MILITARY BUT ALSO FROM A POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC POINT OF VIEW. THE UNITED STATES PRESENTATION INTRODUCED THE MATRIX CONCEPT WHICH INVOLVES TRADE-OFFS BETWEEN NATIONS IN ASSUMING RESPONSIBILITY FOR FUNCTIONAL AREAS RELATED TO DEFENSE TASKS. THE AIM OF THE PRESENTATION WAS TO BROADEN - BEYOND THE CONTEXT OF SPECIALIZATION - THE SEARCH FOR A MORE EFFICIENT USE OF DEFENSE RESOURCES."

C. PARA 10 - DELETED, WITH THE ESSENCE OF THE LAST TWO SENTENCES TO BE PICKED UP IN THE CONCLUSIONS PARAGRAPH IN ORDER TO HIGHLIGHT THE NEED FOR MINISTERIAL EMPHASIS. THE EWG AGREED TO SUBSTITUTE "MORE EFFICIENT USE OF DEFENSE RESOURCES" FOR "SPECIALIZATION" IN THE LAST SENTENCE WHICH NOW WILL APPEAR BEFORE THE LAST SENTENCE OF PARA 11. THE SUBSTITUTION OF THIS PHRASE IN LIEU OF "SPECIALIZATION" SATISFIES THE POINT MADE BY WASHINGTON IN PARA 1B OF REF B.

D. PARA 11 - AS MENTIONED ABOVE, THIS PARA WILL INCLUDE A CONCLUSION TO THE EFFECT THAT THE EWG HAD TO TAKE INTO CONFIDENTIAL

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ACCOUNT NATIONAL POLITICAL, MILITARY AND ECONOMIC SENSITIVITIES. IN ADDITION, THE LAST SENTENCE WILL INCLUDE THE WORDING REQUESTED BY WASHINGTON IN PARA 1C OF REF B.

E. PARA 12 - THIS RECOMMENDATIONS SECTION WILL BE REWRITTEN SUCH THAT SUBPARA 12B WILL READ "APPROVE CONTINUATION OF THIS ACTIVITY BY THE EXECUTIVE WORKING GROUP". PRESENT SUBPARA 12C WILL BE RENUMBERED 12D AND A NEW SUBPARA 12C WILL BE DRAFTED WHICH WILL RECOMMEND THAT MINISTERS "GIVE THEIR FULL SUPPORT TO THESE ACTIVITIES AND ENCOURAGE THE IDENTIFICATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF FURTHER ITEMS FOR STUDY." MISSION FEELS THAT THIS COMPROMISE WILL PRODUCE A MORE MEANINGFUL REPORT AND, TOGETHER WITH THE REDRAFT OF PARA 6, INCORPORATE WASHINGTON'S THOUGHTS

PARAS 1D AND 2 OF REF B.

3. EWG MADE SEVERAL OTHER EDITORIAL CHANGES INVOLVING SOME REORGANIZATION OF MATERIAL AND MINOR WORDING IMPROVEMENTS. HOWEVER, THE SUBSTANCE OF THE REMAINDER OF THE REPORT WILL BE UNCHANGED.

4. THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF WILL HAVE THE FINAL VERSION OF THE REPORT READY JUNE 5 JUST IN TIME FOR DPC CONSIDERATION ON JUNE 6. MISSION WILL TRANSMIT FINAL VERSION TO WASHINGTON WHEN AVAILABLE BUT, IN VIEW OF TIME LIMITATION, WASHINGTON GUIDANCE ON FINAL VERSION TO BE TRANSMITTED MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR DPC. ACCORDINGLY, ASSUMING NO SURPRISES, MISSION PROPOSES TO APPROVE REPORT IN THE DPC. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON GUIDANCE BY OPENING OF BUSINESS JUNE 6. RUMSFELD

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